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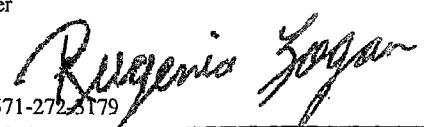
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Box No. I Basis of the report

1. With regard to the language, this report is based on:

the international application in the language in which it was filed.

a translation of the international application into English, which is the language of a translation furnished for the purposes of:

- international search (under Rules 12.3 and 23.1(b))
- publication of the international application (under Rule 12.4(a))
- international preliminary examination (under Rules 55.2(a) and/or 55.3(a))

2. With regard to the elements of the international application, this report is based on (*replacement sheets which have been furnished to the receiving Office in response to an invitation under Article 14 are referred to in this report as "originally filed" and are not annexed to this report*):

the international application as originally filed/furnished

the description:

pages 1-33 as originally filed/furnished
 pages* NONE received by this Authority on _____
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the claims:

pages 34-41 as originally filed/furnished
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 pages* NONE received by this Authority on _____
 pages* NONE received by this Authority on _____

the drawings:

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 the drawings, sheets/figs _____
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4. This report has been established as if (some of) the amendments annexed to this report and listed below had not been made, since they have been considered to go beyond the disclosure as filed, as indicated in the Supplemental Box (Rule 70.2(c)).

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Box No. V Reasoned statement under Article 35(2) with regard to novelty, inventive step or industrial applicability; citations and explanations supporting such statement

1. Statement

Novelty (N)

Claims 4-8, 10-19, 21-24, 26-29, 31-36, and 38-45 YES
Claims 1-3, 9, 20, 25, 30, and 37 NO

Inventive Step (IS)

Claims 4-8, 10-19, 21-24, 26-29, 31-36, and 38-45 YES
Claims 1-3, 9, 20, 25, 30, and 37 NO

Industrial Applicability (IA)

Claims 1-45 YES
Claims NONE NO

2. Citations and Explanations (Rule 70.7)

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Supplemental Box

In case the space in any of the preceding boxes is not sufficient.

Continuation of:

V. 2. Citations and Explanations:

Claims 1-3, 9, 20, 25, 30 and 37 lack novelty under PCT Article 33(2) as being anticipated by Zhang, H. et al (WO 03/010984 A1). Hereinafter, referred to as Zhang.

With respect to claims 1, 20, and 30, Zhang discloses a method for processing information in a communication system (Fig. 2), comprising:

partitioning a control channel (Fig. 2, F-CPCCH) used for transmitting control information into a plurality of subchannels, each subchannel being operated at a specific data rate (Fig. 2, F-CPCCH, bit 12 operates at $\frac{1}{4}$ full rate);

selecting, for each of one or more user terminals, one of the subchannels to be used for transmitting control information from an access point to the respective user terminal, based on one or more selection criteria (Figs. 3-5, selected subchannels with data rate of 1, $\frac{1}{4}$, $\frac{1}{8}$, or both depending whether the terminals are in active state or control hold state); and

transmitting control information from the access point to a particular user terminal on a particular subchannel selected for the respective user terminal (Fig. 2, F-CPCCH, power control bit 12th).

With respect to claim 2, Zhang discloses that wherein control information is transmitted in a segment of data frame specifically allocated for the control channel (Fig. 2, F-CPCCH, time slots 1 or 5).

With respect to claim 3, Zhang discloses that wherein each subchannel is associated with a specific set of operating parameters (Fig. 2, F-CPCCH, time slots 1 and 5 are used).

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Supplemental Box

With respect to claims 9, 25, and 37, Zhang discloses a method for processing information in a communication system (Fig. 2), comprising:

segregating a control channel into a plurality of subchannels each of which being operable at a specific data rate (Fig. 2, F-CPCCH, bit 12 operates at $\frac{1}{4}$ full rate);

transmitting control information including resource allocation information from an access point to a user terminal on particular subchannel of the plurality of subchannels selected for the user terminal, based on one or more selection criteria (Fig. 2, F-CPCCH, power control information transmitted in bit 12th of time slots 1 and 5, $\frac{1}{4}$ full data rate to terminals having control hold state); and

decoding, at the user terminal, one or more subchannels of the plurality of subchannels to obtain control information designated for the user terminal (page 13, lines 23-25, the MS in the control hold state monitors only these bits of the reduced rate power control subchannel assigned to it).

Claims 4-8, 10-19, 21-24, 26-29, 31-36 and 38-45 meet the criteria set out in PCT Article 33(2)-(3), because the prior art does not teach or fairly suggest a decoder to decode one or more control subchannels to obtain control information designated for a particular user terminal, starting with a subchannel operated at a lowest data rate, until at least one of a plurality of conditions is met, as specified in independent claims 34, 40, and 43.

Claims 1-45 meet the criteria set out in PCT Article 33(4), and thus have industrial applicability because the claimed subject matter can be made or used in industry.

----- NEW CITATIONS -----

NONE